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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chief, Western Europe Branch  
Chief, Northern Branch  
Chief, Near East/Africa Branch  
Chief, Far East/Pacific Branch

SUBJECT: \*CRS Special Study to be written on the general subject: Effects of nationalist movements in dependent and quasi-dependent areas in Africa, the Near and Middle East, and the Far East, on the Western Powers and on the international political situation."

An CRS Special Study analyzing the above general subject is to be written in the Consultants' Panel. Generally speaking, it will be an expansion of what Section 12 of CIA-1 points out about the eventual dangers to US security that may arise from unrest and instability in subject areas. Inasmuch as the whole problem is interrelated, not only in that successful revolutionary activities in one area will stimulate similar activities in others, but also in that each colonial power must weigh its international policies against their effects in colonial areas, the coordinated paper will be written by the Global Survey Group. Information on details, however, will be needed from pertinent Branches.

It is for this reason that these branches are being asked to assemble, in convenient form, such appropriate information as they may have on nationalist movements in their areas. This information should be divided, if possible, into three parts: brief background of the movements; present status; probable future developments. Information furnished by the Branches will appear in the eventual paper not only when needed to elucidate major points in the body but as part of the appendices.

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